

File 73-1196

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Inquiry from Mr. Johnson, General Accounting Office

1. Mr. Johnson phoned to obtain confirmation of information he had received regarding the Agency's position concerning Congressman Harrington's request to Department of State and General Accounting Office for CIA personnel statistics pertaining to Cambodia.
2. Congressman Harrington had asked for various Agency personnel figures. Mr. Johnson understood that it was the Agency's decision not to provide the information unless a formal request was received by the Agency from the Congressman. Mr. Johnson had been asked by his superiors to verify this position without going directly back to State.
3. The undersigned contacted [ ] Deputy Legislative Counsel, who had additional information, and phoned Mr. Johnson to advise that as late as early this month there was some action between the Department and CIA. A suggestion was sent back through that channel that, if the Congressman had questions about the Agency, he be urged to pass them to the Director. (In addition, the Congressman met with the Director in a Committee meeting but it is not known that this subject was mentioned.)
4. Mr. Johnson agreed that this was what he understood had taken place and said that GAO is preparing a report to the Congressman which will include a statement that CIA would not provide the information to GAO but would take under consideration providing the information on a need-to-know basis if requested directly from the Director.

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